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Historical Commission Minutes 09-04-2001

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday,
4 September 2001
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:30 PM

Call to Order: Robert Botterio presiding, with commissioners Patrick Guthrie, Pamela Meister, Jane Becker, Eric Stange, and Michael Ruderman; secretary Lyz Carey, Mark Kantor of 201 Pleasant Street, and Pam Enion of 9 Lewis Avenue.

Minutes of 7 August 2001: approved.

Communications-first, from Mr. Botterio:

Ms. Enion had previously written about a proposed porch repair. Mr. Botterio took this opportunity to inform her that the work would not amount to 25% of the facade, and that he had also communicated this determination to the Building Department.

The owners of properties at 61 Brantwood, 12 Orvis, and 34 Brantwood were given the same determinations for repairs and replacements, all less than 25% of the facade.

Mr. Kantors questions, owing to the location of his home within a designated historic district, were technically the province of the Historic Districts Commission; nonetheless, this board enjoyed the chance to discuss his ideas for certain renovations to his house.

From the Town Manager's office: Budget requests are due; also, those commissioners whose terms are up and who desire to be reappointed should speak with the TM soon.

Review of Projects

125 Brattle Lane/Farmer's Lane (Colonial Ridge LLC) 11/99: Robinson-no report.

1167 Mass. Ave. (Mirak) 9/00: Mr. Guthrie will write to the owners, and ask if they wish to have the time extended to complete the previously-directed work on the windows. In a related matter, Mr. Botterio will inquire about the proposed effort to memorialize "The Florence" apartment building, demolished by permit by this same owner.

23 Maple Street (Town of Arlington) 11/00: Robinson, Guthrie-no response from the Town of Arlington on the future course of this work; Mr. Botterio to pursue answer.

45 Fairview Avenue (Trvalik) 12/00: Botterio-no activity.

19 Winter Street (McGlashing) 2/01: Ruderman-cornerboard still missing; he will call builder.

9 Brantwood Road (Stainton) 5/01: Botterio-no start yet; "maybe soon."

12 Orvis Road (Bento) 701: Ruderman-sided according to plan, and therefore off the agenda.

Demolitions Pending

7 Brattle Court (Freedom Development): August 1, 2001

5 Brattle Court (Freedom Development): November 8, 2001

It was reported that Mr. Jonathan Nyberg has engaged a surveyor to plan for the removal of one or the other of these houses to a lot of land on Franklin Street that Mr. Nyberg owns.

962 Massachusetts Avenue (Rita Yegian, owner): November 8, 2001-no developments.

Reports

Whittemore-Robbins House (and outbuildings): Carey-the stabilization plan for the carriage house has been approved; Mssrs. Botterio and Guthrie will oversee for this commission. They have already recommended that the budget for

the work should included the cost of removing, storing, and restoring the period elements of the wall and ceiling building materials, such as the tongue and groove paneling.

Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson-no report.

Updates and Expansion to Inventory: Meister, Guthrie, Stange, and Becker-Mr. Richard Duffy has confirmed that he can work within the \$1000 budgeted for this phase of work, and will begin photographing selected buildings in the fall. Ms Becker will pursue student help in reconciling which properties already on the Inventory are lacking documentation.

Inventory of public buildings: Stange and Robinson-as above.

Education/Outreach: Stange, Botterio-videotape in progress.

Massachusetts Avenue (Osco): Robinson-demolished.

Affordable Housing Task Force: Stange-attending meetings.

Zoning By-Law Review Committee: Meister-attending meetings.

Historic Districts Commission: no liaison.

Old Burying Ground survey and assessment-Robinson-no report.

Preservation Fund-Guthrie-meetings are few and infrequent, he has learned; last was October 2000.

Grants (Surveys and Planning): Guthrie, Stange-MHC Emergency Fund requests require a 50% match, which can be paid back over three years. If requested for the Whittemore-Robbins carriage house, the grant amount should include the cost of the full restoration.

February 2002 Event: "Murder of Dr. Parkman" broadcast-to come.

Town Day September 14-set up duties, booth coverage, displays and materials discussed.

Next meeting confirmed for October 2, here, at 7:30 PM, and this meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.

For the Arlington Historical Commission,
A, Michael Ruderman, Commissioner